

WIFE'S WILD RAGE WHY DETECTIVES.

Through Two Cities She
Sped to Give Her Hus-
band Warning.

SHE FOUND HIM TOO LATE.

A Letter Picked Up in Her Room
Betrayed the Man's Hiding
Place to the Sleuths.

WANTED FOR A BABE'S DEATH.

Threw a Kettle of Boiling Water Across
the Room and an Infant Was
Scalded to Death in
Its Cradle.

Two detectives and a wife raced through two cities yesterday afternoon, the sleuths to capture the alleged slayer of a babe, the woman to save her husband from arrest. The detectives won by a few minutes, and their prisoner was cowering under their pistols when his faithful wife arrived. A big sob came from her as she saw the three; she stretched out her hands helplessly, reeled and fell to the floor. She was Marina Chifalo, a Sicilian.

Marina is still young. Her home is at No. 73 Washington street, Brooklyn. Her husband is Giuseppe Chifalo, twenty-eight years old.

Giuseppe's uncle, Salvatore Mazzatoste, also lives in the house at No. 73 Washington street. He received a visit from his nephew on Sunday morning a week ago. At the time Maddeline Mazzatoste, three years old, was sleeping in her cradle.

The men were at breakfast and soon began to quarrel. Young Chifalo, in a fury, jumped to his feet, and, seizing the nearest thing at hand, flung it at his uncle's head. Mazzatoste dodged quickly, and Chifalo's missile, a pot of hot coffee, struck the wall. It broke, and the scalding liquid fell on the little one in the cradle.

Mazzatoste ran to the side of the crying infant. When he turned around to look for Chifalo he had gone.

The father sent for Dr. Rossetta, of No. 63 Front street. He told the physician the child had been scalded accidentally.

The doctor tried to keep the baby alive, and succeeded for a week. On Monday last Maddeline died. She was to have been buried yesterday.

The story of the fight had spread, however, and the physician notified Coroner Coughlin. He ordered the funeral postponed yesterday afternoon, and Detectives Vachris and Harrington, of the Central Office, were sent down to the house to make an investigation.

They learned that Chifalo had fled, and searched his rooms, in which his wife was living. She stood looking at them fearfully until Vachris picked up a letter from the top of the bureau. Then she screamed and tried to snatch it from the detective.

"Give me that!" she cried. "It is mine, and you must not read it!"

Vachris held the missive out of her reach and she fell on her knees and begged him to give it to her. When he refused she took her hat and shawl and ran out of the room.

Vachris read the letter through. He found that it was from Chifalo, who instructed his wife to keep him informed of the child's condition. In it was the address, "No. 625 Amsterdam avenue."

"That woman has gone to warn her husband," said Vachris. "It is a question of speed between us."

The detectives hurried across the bridge, boarded a Sixth avenue "E" car, and ran uptown. At the Amsterdam avenue address they found a cobbler's shop, at the rear of which was Chifalo's apartment. They drew pistols and ordered him to surrender. He had just done so when his wife, breathless from running, rushed into the room. She faltered when she saw he was a prisoner.

Vachris and Harrington handcuffed Chifalo and took him to Brooklyn, where he was locked up. His wife was revived by friends, and returned to her home. Last night Coroner Coughlin ordered a post-mortem on the child, and discovered that her death was due to the scalding.

JAMAICA'S OLD SCHOOL SOLD.

Under the Auctioneer's Hammer the Building Brought but \$505.

Jamaica's old school building, first erected in 1853, was sold at auction yesterday. It is a three-story frame structure, but brought only \$505. David L. Hardenbrook was the purchaser. The land on which the building is situated, consisting of four lots, sold for \$3,500, three of them having been bought by Mr. Hardenbrook and one by Charles E. Twombly.

The auctioneer also sold the fences, out-houses and school furniture, but brought very low figures. The building was made useless for school purposes by the new \$150,000 high school recently built.

HE SUES A CHURCH ON A NOTE.

Deacons of a Whitestone House of Worship Say It Was a Personal Loan.

The suit against the Methodist Church, of Whitestone, brought by George M. E. Williams, to recover \$150, the amount of an overdue note assigned to him by Charles R. Nostrand, one of the wardens, was heard before Justice Connorton, at Flushing, to-day.

Nostrand claimed he loaned the money to the church for the purpose of paying a pastor's salary. Church officials maintained that the loan was a personal transaction and shifted the responsibility on Rev. James J. Moffit, the former pastor, who, as chairman of the official board, negotiated the loan.

The decision was reserved until Saturday.

THREE IN AN ALLEGED PLOT.

Charged with Robbing a Newark Watch Making Company. [E]

Discovery of the systematic robbery of the Courvoisier-Wilcox Manufacturing Company, a watchmaking concern, of Newark, led to the arraignment in the Fourth Precinct Police Court yesterday of Gustave Kappa, Otto Eisenstein and Jacob Himmel. Kappa was held in \$1,500 bail on a charge of grand larceny; Eisenstein in \$1,000 for receiving stolen goods and Himmel in \$200 as a witness.

The police have been working on the case for three weeks, and it is said, have definitely traced the thefts to Kappa, who only eighteen years old, but had been with the company for four years. The rings of watches to which the chains are attached, the winders and other small parts were taken, and it is said the total amount will run up several hundreds of dollars. The latest theft was on last Friday, when five ounces of 14-carat gold, valued at \$300, were stolen.

Himmel in court gave testimony implicating Eisenstein as the receiver of the goods. The latter is a repeating jeweler.

HIS STRONG BOX OPENED.

Captain Losee Left No Will but a Note to His Niece Disposing of His Estate.

The strong box of Captain Stephen Losee, who mysteriously disappeared in 1889, was opened in Brooklyn yesterday by Surrogate Abbott. No will was found, but this short note, addressed to Miss Lena Nichols, his niece:

My Dear Niece: I cannot live long. I hope God will forgive me. My last wish is that you and my banknote accounts with the Bank of America and Bovey to be divided equal between you and Edna. Be good. Give Mrs. Price \$100 for me. STEPHEN LOSEE.

Captain Losee was a bachelor, who lived with Mrs. Jane Price, at No. 424 Madison avenue, Greenpoint. The day before he disappeared he wrote this note to his niece, who then lived in Jersey City. His will now lives at No. 109 West Sixteenth street, New York City.

Nothing has been heard of the captain since. His brother, Thomas E. Losee, of Bridgeport, Conn., applied some weeks ago to have his missing brother formerly declared dead. This order was entered. Now Thomas E. Losee wants letters of administration of the estate. Miss Nichols also wants to take charge of the effects left by the captain.

Although no will was found, there were two bank books, one crediting the captain with \$1,000 and the other with \$300. The American Hero has been sold, but little was left after the expenses were paid. It was tacitly agreed yesterday that Miss Nichols should be designated by the court to take charge of her missing uncle's estate.

THE TEXAS PUTS TO SEA.

After a Long Stay in the Navy Yard She Leaves for a Cruise in Southern Waters.

After being tied up at the Navy Yard for more than four months, in making extensive alterations and repairs, the battle ship Texas, assisted by two Government tugs, left for Galveston yesterday. Upon arrival there the silver service, a gift from the Lone Star State, will be presented to the vessel on February 26.

While the Texas has been in the Navy Yard nearly all the bulkheads in the water tight compartments have been stiffened. Extra heavy angle braces have also been fitted under the engine room compartments. A new hydraulic apparatus for working the twelve-inch guns and the turrets was put in.

The Texas will not join the North Atlantic Squadron in the maneuvers off Charleston Harbor, but will cruise in Southern waters and be met at New Orleans by the battle ship Maine. She will return to the Norfolk Navy Yard to have her bow torpedo tubes removed.

The repairs to the monitor Puritan are rapidly nearing completion and it is expected the vessel will be in readiness to join Admiral Bence's fleet on Saturday. She will be followed by the ram Kathadin, now fitting out at the Navy Yard.

HE TOLD OF A WILD ADVENTURE

Police Sergeant Thought Jackson Insane, but a Justice Released Him.

John Jackson, who claims to be secretary to a millionaire in New York, whose name he refuses to divulge, was before Justice Steers in the Flatbush Police Court yesterday, and said he was met by two men in New York Sunday night, who asked him to go to Brooklyn, where he was drugged with hyaline of chloral, taken to Bergen Beach, robbed of \$180, a masonic ring and two diamond rings, bound hand and foot, dragged through a cave and left to die. Jackson walked into the Flatbush Police Station on Monday night and excitedly told Sergeant Durkin the story. The men who had robbed him, he said, were William Gray and Frank Bridges. Sergeant Durkin believed that the man was insane and held him. Detective Doherty was detailed to investigate the man's story, but failed to get even a clue to the Bergen Beach cave. Justice Steers dismissed Jackson, who started for New York.

RECOGNIZED AND DISCHARGED.

"Hope Wellington," Who Took Carbolic Acid, Identified as Gussie Schroeder.

Hope Wellington, the young woman who on last Thursday night took carbolic acid at Montrose and Graham avenues, Williamsburg, after she had quarreled with Louis Fritsch, a druggist, was yesterday discharged from the Eastern District Police Court, on the charge of attempted suicide.

She was recognized as Gussie Schroeder, who about two years ago married a man named Crowley. He left her, and some time ago she became infatuated with Fritsch, who is the son of a druggist at Grand street and Bushwick avenue. Justice Lennon, at the woman's statement that she did not poison herself and had no intention of doing so, was discharged.

LOADER HELD FOR PERJURY.

His Former Housekeeper Causes Him More Trouble About Jewelry.

Venerable Joseph Loader was arrested by Officer Bacon, of the Adams Street Court, yesterday on a charge of perjury as he was leaving the Gates Avenue Court, Brooklyn.

The charge grows out of the trial of Miss Rose Bretler, against Annie, Loader's wife, to recover some jewelry.

Loader swore that he had presented the jewels to Miss Bretler, when she was his housekeeper. He is alleged to have said that the jewels were his and that she had stolen them. On that trial, the jury decided that Mrs. Loader must give the jewels to Miss Bretler. Mrs. Loader has failed to do so, and Miss Bretler had her suit against her at the Gates Avenue Court yesterday on a charge of stealing the diamonds. Justice Cramer reserved his decision.

NO MONEY FOR WATER CONDUIT

Conference in the Mayor's Office Fails to Devise a Plan to Raise It.

There was a conference between Mayor Wurstler, Comptroller Palmer, Corporation Counsel Burr and Assistant Corporation Counsel Mudge yesterday in the Mayor's office, Brooklyn.

Comptroller Palmer had had word to get to the meeting, as he has been ill of late with neuritis. The conference was to decide as how best to raise the \$700,000 necessary to construct the sixty-six-inch steel water conduit from Millburn to Spring Creek. The contract has been awarded to John McNamee, but there is not enough money to pay for the work. The question was not settled.

A BIG DOG BITES A SMALL BOY.

Newfoundland Attacks a Fourteen-Year-Old Lad Who Was Teasing Him.

The police of the Flatbush precinct were asked yesterday afternoon to kill a large Newfoundland dog owned by Edmund McGrath, of Carroll street and Schenectady avenue, which it is claimed so seriously bit and wounded fourteen-year-old Ralph Force of the same address on Monday that he had to be taken to St. John's Hospital, where Surgeon Pharo attended him.

The boy was teasing the dog when it turned on him, knocked him down and buried its teeth into his right leg. The dog had torn the flesh from the limb, and had mangled the boy's face and body when pulled off by his mother. The complaint was referred to the Flatbush Police Court.

No Connection with Cornish & Co.

Excuse me, Johnnie Cornish, of Washington, N. J., desires to correct a mistaken impression to the effect that Henry W. Johnston, who committed suicide in Washington on Monday, was a member of the firm of Cornish & Co., piano and organ manufacturers, of that place. Mr. Johnston was not a relative of any member of that firm, nor was he connected in any way with their business.

QUICK JUSTICE FOR BIG ED RICE.

Tried and Convicted of For-
gery in Less Than
Two Hours.

USED A BOY AS HIS TOOL.

Byrnes's Book on Habitual Crimi-
nals Employed in the Cross-
Examination.

HALF HIS LIFE SPENT IN PRISON.

Once Looted a Bank and Paid
\$20,000 of the Stolen Money
to Secure the Release
of His Pal.

"Big Ed" Rice was convicted of forgery in the second degree in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, yesterday, in record-breaking time. His trial began at 2:30 p. m. The judge's charge was over at 3:30. The jury returned at 4:10 with a verdict of guilty. Rice will be sentenced Friday to not less than ten nor more than twenty years.

Rice was arrested at Eighth avenue and Sixth street, New York, late at night September 2, 1896. About 7 p. m. that same day he met a boy, James Manning, of No. 100 Butler street, Brooklyn, at the corner of Flatbush avenue and Park place. He gave the boy a check, endorsed by James Chambers, a lawyer, of No. 251 Lincoln place. He asked the boy to take

This is the way the ledger of the Brooklyn Seelyes stands. They yesterday—twenty-four prominent citizens of them—settled the account with justice, and last night were permitted to be at their family firesides. They were let off with the light fine of \$5 each, because they pleaded guilty in preference to being asked about the show at Hoffman's Concert Hall, in the Eastern District, where, as the complaint states, the

To seeing the show... \$5.00
To seeing the judge... 5.00
Total for imitating the Seelyes... \$10.00

Monster Ice Gorge on the Passaic Breaks, and Crystal Masses Leap Over the Falls.

THE great ice gorge, twenty-five feet in height, that had accumulated in the Passaic River at Lincoln Bridge, near Paterson, was swept down the stream and over the Passaic Falls yesterday by the constantly rising torrent. Hundreds of people saw the great masses of ice leap over the eighty-foot precipice and sweep through the rapids in the gully beneath. Considerable damage was done by the ice and water along the shores, but the principal wreckage was at the West Street Bridge. The old structure was several months ago closed as unsafe, but was reopened after the Paterson Railway Company had strengthened it with heavy braces. Fifty feet below a temporary structure was erected at considerable expense, to accommodate traffic while a new bridge was in course of construction. The river is within eight feet of the flooring of the old bridge, and when the great ice flows struck the supports they were broken off like matches. The temporary bridge was carried down the stream. Guards are stationed at the old bridge to prevent its being used for heavy traffic.

Chief feature of the performance was the dancing of a Little Egypt in a costume of stockings and slippers. This woman has given the name of Mac Gannu, and yesterday dramatic interest was given to the case by the appearance of her husband in the court room.

The man gave his name as Milo Boynton and said that he lived in Gravesend. Boynton stated that his wife had left him six years ago, while they were living in a cottage at Gravesend. He had lost track of her, but from descriptions concluded that she was the couched-couchee dancer. He professed to have no further interest in her.

The trial of "Little Egypt" and the other principals was postponed until February 20. The others, who will be heard at the same time are August Hoffman, the proprietor of the hall where the show occurred; Milton Hanner, the theatrical agent in the case, and Halcyon Sheriff, an Arab of very dark hue and fierce whiskers, who took part in the show. The charges against them are based on the section of the Penal Code that makes the giving of an immoral performance a misdemeanor. A penalty of a year's imprisonment is provided.

The Justice made yesterday "guest day" in court. That is, he gave a hearing to only the spectators at the show. They were represented by Lawyer John Roesch. The Roesch said that in view of the circumstances he would plead guilty for the crowd.

"It was this way," he said. "They were entitled to witness the performance. They expected a show of social order and quiet. None even dreamed of what was coming. They were trapped. I say, entitled to this place."

Then the Judge imposed a fine of \$5 or five days in jail. Every man had a crisp bill ready.

THIS SEELEY SHOW COST \$10 A GUEST.

Five Dollars Fine Added
to the Admission
Fee.

JUSTICE LEMON LENIENT.

Lawyer Roesch Pleaded That the
Spectators Were Basely
Deceived.

EXPECTED A MORAL SHOW.

Still They Didn't Flee When Little
Egypt Danced in Stockings and
Slippers, So They Were Fined.
More Details Later.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 9.—The most interesting feature of to-day's session of the Legislature was the spirited discussion in the House of the bill restoring to citizenship Christian A. Holdner, of Hudson County, who was one of the gang of ballot-box stuffers. The debate was participated in by Messrs. Scofield, Reed, Hopkins, Goldenhorn and Nelson, who vigorously opposed the measure, and McArthur, who advocated its passage.

McArthur said that Holdner had simply been used as a cat's paw and was entitled to mercy. On the other hand, Mr. Scofield held that no man who had deliberately polluted the ballot box and falsified an election should be restored to citi-

zanship. The will of the people should never be suppressed. Mr. Goldenhorn advised delay, and hoped the bill would pass if it could be shown that Holdner was entitled to mercy.

Mr. Nelson, who was one of the Freeholders counted out as a result of the work of ballot-box stuffers, felt compelled to vote against the bill, which was eventually laid over until to-morrow at the suggestion of Mr. Hall.

Another measure that brought about a lively debate was House bill 127, which extends the term of Mayor Wanser, of Jersey City, until January 1, 1898, and also of Mayor Seymour, of Newark, and changes the date of the municipal election in those cities from Spring to Fall.

The Democrats charged that the bill was a low political trick, and called the Big Republican majority sham reformers. They said that if the Republican leaders were honest in their desire to divorce municipal from State and Federal elections they would not attempt it in a backhanded manner to extend the term of office of the present incumbents, but would frame the act to take effect upon the election of the next chief executive of the two first-class cities.

It is plainly the intention of the Republican majority to keep Mayor Wanser in office until such time as a plan can be mapped out that will save the Republican party in Jersey City.

Mr. Kilik, of Hudson, though a Republican, emphatically declared the bill an unjust one. He made an effort to kill it by moving that it be laid over for twenty-four hours, but so determined were the Republican "reformers" to save Colonel Wanser that Mr. Kilik's motion was promptly

SAYS HOLDNER WAS SIMPLY A CATSPAW.

Ballot-Box Stuffer's Friends
Try to Have His Citi-
zenship Restored.

"REFORMERS'" NEW MOVE

House Passes the Bill Extending
Mayor Wanser's Term to
January 1, 1898.

CALLED A POLITICAL TRICK.

Scovel's Bill to Prevent the Use of
Pound Nets Attacked in Com-
tee by Coast Fishermen—No
Investigation of Trusts.

Then the Senate bill increasing the salaries of members of the State Board of Taxation from \$2,000 to \$2,500 came up on its final reading. Senator E. Ambler Armstrong, who introduced it, explained that the salary was originally \$2,500, and since its reduction the duties of the members had materially increased.

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voted down and the bill passed by a party vote. In all haste the measure was rushed to the Senate, and immediately upon the adjournment of that body the committee on elections held a hearing, at which Major Leutz, of Newark, appeared and advocated the bill, and Senator Daly opposed it. There was a battle royal between the Major and the Senator, during which the Democratic leader of the Senate charged that the Republican "reformers" were deceiving the people when they attempted to enact such iniquitous measures.

There is an apparent possibility of the measure being rushed through the Legislature by the weight of the great Republican majority, but it may run against a snag when it reaches the hands of the Governor.

At the afternoon session the House passed a bill that makes extreme cruelty sufficient grounds for absolute divorce. House bill No. 60, concerning the procedure in cases of violation of the game laws, after being passed, was reconsidered and recommitted on motion of Mr. Clark upon the ground that it gave to game wardens the right to enter a man's house and search for game. This, he declared, was a dangerous power to confer upon any body, and the measure should receive further consideration before its adoption.

Assemblyman Giesbill presented a bill providing that five days' notice shall be given a mortgagor before the sale of goods covered by chattel mortgage, and a subsequent bill extending the time to two weeks and publication during that period in cases where the mortgagor is a non-resident or absent from the city.

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